



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BALTIMORE DISTRICT At Jennings Randolph Lake

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Corps to close Howell Run boat ramp to some boats

Jennings Randolph Lake, W.Va. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Jennings Randolph Lake will close the Howell Run Boat Launch ramp beginning Sept. 28 to boats requiring a trailer to launch, due to low lake elevations. However, the launch will remain open to all other boats.

Because of the lower water elevations, the Corps encourages all boaters to use caution when launching from the Howell Run boat ramp. Users should be aware that underwater objects may be closer to the surface and pose additional hazards to boaters and skiers. Additionally, the entire lake is now accessible to shoreline fishing.

As always, the Corps encourages all boaters to wear Personal Floatation Devices while on the lake.

The boat launch operated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is still open for use and is not impacted the lower lake elevation. The MDNR launch is on Mt. Zion Road, off Maryland State route 135, near the salt shed on Backbone Mountain.

For current lake information, the public may call the Corps' park office at (304) 355-2346 or (301) 359-3861, Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They may also visit the Baltimore District website at <http://www.nab-wc.usace.army.mil/potopub.html> for current lake elevation.

For information on the MDNR boat launch, call the Deep Creek State Park at (301) 387-5563, Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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